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'HIS EXCELLENCY.'

Opening Performance by the A.D.C.

After various vicissitudes, postponements, abandonments, and changes of cast, the comic opera 'His Excellency' was produced at last by the Amateur Dramatic Club in the Theatre Royal on Saturday night. There was a very large audience. The Theatre was well filled in every part, among those present being His Excellency Mr F. H. May, Officer Administering the Government, and Mr. May, who were received by the audience standing while the orchestra played the opening bars of 'God Save the King.' It was matter for sincere regret that owing to illness in her family Mrs E. W. Mitchell was unable to participate in the performance.

'His Excellency' is from the whimsical pen of Mr W. S. Gilbert, and as it was written during the period of estrangement from his usual collaborateur, the late Sir Arthur S. Sullivan, the music is by Dr Osmond Carr. It is a tuneful light opera, with some fine concerted numbers and one or two good songs, but suffering by comparison with most of the Gilbert and Sullivan combinations. Whatever 'plot' it contains has to do with the practical jokes of the Governor of Elsinore ('His Excellency'). This worthy cynic has two daughters, who fall in love respectively with a young physician and a young sculptor (who has just completed a statue of the Prince Regent). It is this serio-comic joint love affair that provides body to a somewhat attenuated story; but it is not the only love affair in the piece. Christians, a youthful halid singer, has become enamoured of the Prince Regent through his singing, and when the real Prince appears on the scene it is but natural that this sublimated passion should end in the betrothal of the two, the Prince Regent making a surprise visit to Elsinore in the guise of a strolling player. The hand of Dame Hecla Cortlandt, a lady of property, is sought by the Syndic, but His Excellency also plays with the affections of this impulsive old lady, while there is a pretty, if subsidiary, love affair between the Corporal of the Hussars and a dashing Vivandière. It is one of His Excellency's jokes to make the Hussars behave like ballet girls. In fact, he turns everything topsy-turvy until one of his practical jokes recalls on himself, and he finds himself reduced to the ranks in the Hussars, while the Syndic becomes the Governor and an unwilling accepted lover of Dame Hecla, the sculptor is raised to the rank of Count and the physician of Baron, and the Corporal jumps over all the intermediate grades and becomes a full-blown Colonel of Hussars and marries the Vivandière—everything happening as it can only do in comic operas.

The following was the cast:—

The Prince Regent (disguised as Nils Eggen, a travelling Player) Capt. Bush, R.A.; George Griffenfield (Governor of Elsinore); Lieut. Davidson, R.A.; Erling Syke (a young sculptor) Mr. George Lammet; Dr. Tortensen (a young physician) Dr. Hall-Wright; Mats Munch (syndic of Elsinore); Surg. H. Leigh Norris, R.N.; Corporal Harold (of the King's Hussars); Surg. R. R. Horley, R.N.; A Sentry Lt. A. C. Butt, R.N.; First Officer Mr. H. A. Seth; Second Officer Mr. R. Henderson; Christians (a ballad singer) Mrs. Craddock Nanna (Griffenfield's); Mrs. Hall-Wright; Thorn (daughters) Mrs. Hager; Dame Hecla Cortlandt (a lady of property) Mr. W. J. L. Phillips; Blanca (a Vivandière) Mrs. F. Maitland Elba (a peasant girl) Miss Hazelton Chorus Madames Armstrong, M. d'Almada e Castro, Bateman, Drawson, Henderson, Holmes, Mowbray-Jones, Kew, Kirkwood, Lumley, Mansell, Miller, Moore, Murray, Plummer, Quinn, Seth, Shaw and Tarrant; Messrs. Auld, Armstrong, Butt, Bain, Brant, Campbell, Dryden, Goldring, Goetz, Hance, Bolingbrough, Henderson, Holt, Judah, H. A. Lammet, L. E. Lammet, Moyer, Parker, Philpot, Robbie, Rutherford, S. Seth, Vaughan, Webster and Whittemore.

Orchestra.—1st Violins—Messrs. Lopez, Schmidt, Xavier, and Sergt. Jenkins, R.E.; 2nd Violins—Messrs. Alves, Chick, Rozario and Sheffield; Viola—Dr. J. H. Swan; Cellos—Messrs. Keeling and Miller; Basso—Mr. Sequira; Flutes—Messrs. Chopard and Silas; Clarinet—Mr. Turford and Bandman Cotman, S.F.; Bassoons—Sergt. Carbury and Bandman Piper, S.F.; Horns—Bandmen Hammond and Humphreys, S.F.; Cornets—Lance-Corp. Bristol and Bandman Fraser, S.F.; Euphonium—Band-Corp. Iggo, S.E.; Drum and Triangle—Bandman Hunter, S.F.; Piano—Mr. Geo. Grindle.

Before the curtain rose, Mr. Arthur Chapman craved the consideration of the audience for the Mr. W. J. Phillips, who, at the last moment, had undertaken to play the part of Dame Hecla in the regrettable absence of Mrs. E. W. Mitchell.

The opening performance went very smoothly, and the members of the A.D.C. deserve unqualified congratulations for the successful manner in which they have overcome disappointing and unexpected difficulties. It would be unfair to previous members of the A.D.C. to say that it was the best performance we have seen by the amateurs of Hongkong; but it will rank as one of the best. Comparisons may be invidious as well as tedious, but it is no disparagement of the present cast to compare 'His Excellency' with 'Yeomen of the Guard' and 'Les Cloches de Corneville' and 'Iolanthe,' which stand in the annals of Hongkong amateur efforts in a class by themselves; but it is only at widely distant periods that such a combination of talent can be commanded as was the case with 'Yeomen of the Guard.'

'His Excellency' is well staged, the scenery is excellent and appropriate, the dresses attractive and the grouping of the chorus exceedingly well done, while the incidental dances reveal the master hand and made the audience wish for more. Especially was this the case with the burlesque dance by the Hussars. Everything that could be done by the management to secure success had been done in keeping with the traditions of the A.D.C.

Mrs. Craddock, who was not originally cast for the part of Christians, created a most favourable impression. She has a sweet soprano voice, and sings with fine taste. Her duet with the Prince Regent was her most attractive number. The greatest success of the piece was undoubtedly Mr. Hall-Wright. She conducted her little affair with great vivacity and skill, and sang with much taste. Her acting was certainly most sprightly and her apparent knowledge of stage technique gave her per-

formance a finish that was lacking among some of the other members of the cast. Mrs. Hager shared in Mrs. Hall-Wright's success. Her singing was as exquisite as ever, and her acting has improved. To those two ladies much of the liveliness of the opera is due. Their opening duet was very heartily applauded, but, very wisely, no encores were allowed. Mrs. F. Maitland was a charming vivandière, and we were not astonished at Corporal Harold falling in love with her. Their duet went very well. Of Mr. Phillips as Dame Hecla it is impossible to speak too highly, having regard to the unfortunate circumstance which called for his services. But as an easily understood unfamiliarity with his lines, he acquitted himself most creditably, and will doubtless improve on his performance of Saturday. Of the gentlemen taking leading parts Lieutenant Davison carries off the palm. He is quite at his ease on the stage, a letter perfect in his part, and acts and sings with a semi-artistical effect that reminds one, however distantly, of Grossmith. His trio with Mrs. Hager and Mrs. Hall-Wright was deservedly applauded. The Prince Regent of Cawdor Bush wanted more dash. He acted the part and sang well, but alike in his singing and in his acting seemed to restrain himself too much. Dr. Hall-Wright's voice was heard to advantage in the concerted pieces, and Mr. George Lammet, was, as usual, well suited in his part. It is difficult to realise what a musical play in Hongkong would be without him. Though a trifling outturn at the start, the quantity of the four lovers was apparently upheld. Dr. Norris as the Syndic and Dr. Holley as the Corporal, both in their different styles, contributed to the general excellence of the performance, and Lieut. Bush was a most amusing actor.

Much praise is deserved by Mr. A. G. Ward, under whose skilful and careful direction the musical part of the performance was rehearsed. Mr. Ward is the conductor, and under his baton on Saturday the chorus and orchestra were kept well together. To Mr. George A. Oldfield, the Stage Manager, belongs the credit of so adroitly staging the piece and supervising the rehearsals, besides arranging the dresses. The scenery was designed by the staff of the A.D.C. The piece is produced under the direction of Mr. E. W. Mitchell, the veteran 'strategist' of the A.D.C., who had kept that body together for so many years at much personal sacrifice. The general organisation of the performances is in the truest sense of Mr. A. Chapman, another A.D.C. veteran, who succeeds Mr. H. C. Nicoll in the arduous post of Acting Manager, and who finds himself reduced to the ranks in the Hussars, while the Syndic becomes the Governor and an unwilling accepted lover of Dame Hecla, the sculptor is raised to the rank of Count and the physician of Baron, and the Corporal jumps over all the intermediate grades and becomes a full-blown Colonel of Hussars and marries the Vivandière—everything happening as it can only do in comic operas.

The following was the cast:—

ACCIDENT ON THE PEAK TRAMWAY.

Traffic Interrupted on Sunday Night.

The Peak residents who attended Church last night had a rather provoking experience. The trams were running smoothly until seven o'clock, just when the church services were concluding, when one of the cars at the Peak terminus fouled the cable, and a delay occurred.

This was about ten minutes past seven. The tram at the lower station soon filled up with passengers, and nothing was reported to be wrong. Ten minutes more passed. No signal had been given from the top station. The driver rang his bell, but got no response. What could be the matter? The telephone in the station was then tried, but no reply could be got from the top. A messenger was sent to Volunteer Headquarters to ring up the Peak Hotel and find out the cause of the delay with the same result. Meanwhile, the crowd on the platform increased, and many were the exclamations of disappointment which arose when it was found that the cars may be delayed for an indefinite period. All the seats in the car were occupied, and many ladies were waiting on the platform. As the occupants of the car got anxious and left their seats to gain news, they lost them, and many started to walk to the Peak. However, after a wait of nearly an hour, the bell clanged, and everyone in the car sat straight up with expectation.

The car moved off slowly and the occupants waved their adieux with laughter to the less fortunate ones in the station. Slowly and laboriously the tram commenced the ascent. Kennedy Road was passed, then Bowen Road, and, jokes over, to the ultimate arrival at the Peak were cracked. The tram quickened her pace, and was soon going at normal speed. The halfway loop was neared, then passed, and with it the other tram was also passed. The hopes of the passengers soared high. After all, they would be in time for dinner, when a sudden stop upset their calculations. What was wrong now? They were perched halfway up the Peak in about the steepest part of the line. Just beneath was the other car, the cause of all the trouble, and round it lights flashed as the driver and conductor endeavoured to ascertain the cause of the break-down. Further below lay the dark looking harbour, its dark gloom intensified by the hundreds of tiny sampan lights. Kowloon Peninsula looked one black, solid mass, outlined by the ring of lights from the boats, the wharves, and the sampans. One could have sat and enjoyed the magnificence view for hours—and it seemed very likely that one would have to do so. The majority of the passengers grew desperate. They were tired of the waiting. They would walk. They requisitioned a boy to take a lantau in ahead, and they followed behind. The ascent was very steep, and the party of impatient men toiled up. They did not seem to be overjoyed with the prospect, and a sight of relief thrilled through them as they heard the tram overhanging them, lining up by the side of the track, they waited her arrival, and with an air of resignation they re-entered the car. The Peak was reached without further mishap. The delay in an amount to about one hour and a half.

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CRICKET LEAGUE.

Result of the Competition.

Although several matches have still to be played, this competition is practically at an end. The Shield has been won by the Army Ordnance Corps O.C.O., with a total of thirteen wins and one defeat, out of fourteen matches played. The only side to defeat, A. O. C. was the Civil Service C.C., who were substantially defeated in the return match. The success of the Ordnance team was due in large measure to the excellent and consistent play of several members who left the Dukewards for England some weeks ago, but a large factor in the success of the Corps has been the form displayed by Capt. P. G. Davies, an enthusiastic sportsman, who has taken the keenest interest in the Club since he arrived in the Colony. As will be seen from Saturday's results, he not only scored well, but bowled effectively, and altogether has largely contributed to the Club's success. Another player who has assisted materially in winning the shield for the Club is Mr. E. P. Bradford, whose bowling was exceedingly good.

The Civil Service has also done well in the competition, losing two matches out of the eleven played. The competition has created a growing interest in local cricket, and, doubtless, the effects of this will be seen next season, when several of the teams will probably strive their hardest to deprive the Ordnance Corps of the possession of the Shield.

The scores in the match Army Ordnance Corps against the Parsees are as follow:—

PARSEES.	
R. Cooper, b Davies	8
J. Mehta, b Davies	1
D. Captain, b Davies	11
J. Noria, b Davies	0
H. Rutonjee, b Davies	1
C. Mowrashala, b Davies	0
G. Master, b Davies	0
N. Bejani, run out	0
D. Vanis, not out	1
Sundries	20
Total	128

Total (6 wickets) 128

CIVIL SERVICE v. R. E.

The Civil Service C.C. defeated the Royal Engineers by seventy runs on Saturday last. Raven (4) and Weiser (6) secured the wickets for the R.E.'s, while Lambie (8) and Witchell (3) disposed of their opponents.

The scores were as follows:—

CIVIL SERVICE C.C.	
P. G. Davies (capt.), b Cooper	31
T. Webb, c Noria, b Cooper	57
H. R. Skinner, b Noria	5
T. Olive, b Captain	2
T. Branby, b Captain	7
A. E. Hatwell, b Captain	22
E. Bradford, not out	3
Total (6 wickets)	128

Majority for German Club 443.

GERMAN CLUB.

Mr. Rock	1264
Mr. C. H. Lammer	1335
Mr. Eberle	1302
Mr. Wagner	1250
Mr. Nicolai	1218
Mr. Thun	1136
Total	7605

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Lt. Gibson	1297
Mr. G. A. Woodcock	1248
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Mr. J. Ellis	1224
Mr. W. A. Sime	1153
Mr. P. H. Holyoake	905
Total	7162

Majority for German Club 443.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

L. H. K. F. v. H. M. S. C. R. E. S. Y.	
The Hongkong Football Club easily defeated a football team from H. M. S. C. R. E. S. Y. on Saturday afternoon last.	

The teams were as follows:—

Hongkong: H. Arthur, full back; H. A. Seth, T. Peacock; J. Thomas, and Charnier, three-quarters; A. B. de Veulle and R. A. Whitmore, halves; H. O. Sandford (capt.)	
T. Peacock, c Lambie, b Weiser	28
P. T. Lambie, b Raven	0
H. T. Jackson, l.b.w., b Raven	8
R. Ponsonby, b Raven	3
L. E. Brett, b Weiser	0
F. T. Robins, b Weiser	0
W. H. Wooley, not out	8
C. Parkinson, b Weiser	0
A. Hutchings, c Lambie, b Weiser	2
Extras	17
Total	105

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GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	MACHAON	5th March.
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